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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING BUREAU (NACB) MEETING
AT KABUL: VIEWS OF THE AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTER AND
DEPUTY

1. SUMMARY: AFGHAN LEADERS EXPECT KOREA, PUERTO RICO, AND GUAM
TO BE MENTIONED IN THE NACB "DECLARATION OF KABUL" -- BUT IN A
"MILD," INOFFENSIVE FASHION. END OF SUMMARY.

2. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS ON APRIL 19, I DISCUSSED WITH WAHEED
ABDULLAH, MINISTER-IN-CHARGE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND ABDUL
SAMAD GHAUS, DEPUTY MINISTER-IN-CHARGE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
AND ABDUL SAMAD GHAUS, DEPUTY MINISTER FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS,
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THE APPROACHING MAY 6 TO 10 MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE NON-
ALIGNED COORDINATING BUREAU (NACB) AT KABUL. I WENT OVER THE
TALKING POINTS SUGGESTED IN STATE 097545 IN SOME DETAIL WITH
GHAUS, AND REPEATED SOME SELECTED POINTS LATER WITH ABDULLAH.
BOTH OFFICIALS ACCEPTED THIS INFORMATION WITHOUT COMMENT.

3. ABDULLAH DESCRIBED A NACB AGENDA TO ME WHICH APPEARED THE

SAME AS THAT PRESENTED IN STATE 092242. HE STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN WAS TRYING TO KEEP CONTROVERSY OUT OF THE MEETING TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE.

4. KOREA: ABDULLAH EXPLAINED THAT ALTHOUGH KOREA IS NOT AN AGENDA ITEM, HE EXPECTS SOME MENTION OF THE KOREA ISSUE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE, WHICH HE IS ALREADY STYLING "THE DECLARATION OF KABUL." GHAUS ALSO EXPECTED A KOREA ITEM IN THE COMMUNIQUE, BUT "SOMETHING MILD, ALONG THE LINES OF THE NEW DELHI STATEMENT." THE TWO OFFICIALS DESCRIBED THE NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION THAT RECENTLY VISITED KABUL FOR PRE-NACB TALKS AS MILD AND MODERATE. THE NORTH KOREANS WERE ABLE TO SEE BOTH ABDULLAH AND GHAUS.

5. CUBA: THE CUBAN DELEGATION, WHICH VISITED KABUL APRIL 11 TO 14 (KABUL 2684), SAW ONLY GHAUS. HE FOUND THEM "VERY RESTRAINED," AND INCLINED TO UNDERSTAND THE AFGHAN DESIRE TO AVOID "CONTROVERSY" (READ INTRA-NAM CONTROVERSY) AT THE NACB SESSION.

6. PUERTO RICO AND GUAM: ABDULLAH AND GHAUS BOTH EXPECT PUERTO RICO AND GUAM TO END UP BEING MENTIONED IN THE COMMUNIQUE, BUT IN A "MILD" WAY THAT THE USG SHOULD NOT FIND OFFENSIVE. THE AFGHANS HAVE EXPLAINED TO THEIR NAM COLLEAGUES THAT THERE IS NO USEFUL PURPOSE SERVED BY GETTING THE BIG POWERS (I.E., THE US AND THE USSR) "MAD" AT THE MOVEMENT.

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7. NAM OBSERVER DELEGATIONS: DURING HIS RECENT STATE VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA, PRESIDENT MOHAMMAD DAOUD WAS SUCCESSFUL AT CONVINCING THAT STATE TO SEND AN OBSERVER DELEGATION. THE AFGHANS ALSO CONVINCED THE EGYPTIANS TO PARTICIPATE. THE AFGHAN STRATEGY IS TO HAVE AS LARGE A GROUP OF MODERATES AS POSSIBLE AT THE CONFERENCE TO HELP HEAD OFF RADICAL INITIATIVES.

8. OTHER OBSERVERS: WHEN I EXPLAINED TO ABDULLAH HOW USUN'S JOHN GRAHAM WOULD BE SUPPORTING OUR POLITICAL SECTION AS A VISITING TDY EXPERT, THE FOREIGN MINISTER REVEALED THAT THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY IS ALSO SENDING A TDY OFFICER FOR THIS PURPOSE.
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